Acquiring off-shore rigs

675. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR; SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the total amount spent by Oil and Natural Gas Commissio,, and Oil India Limited in each of the last three years and proposed for the next two years for acquiring of off-shore rigs on owner ship and charter-ship basis separately;

(b) v/hat are the names of owners and contract period of each off-shore rig in operation with ONGC/OIL and the name, type and current location of each siK'h rig;

(c) what is the number of off-shore rigs of indigenous make with ONGC/OIL at present and the number of rigs these companies propose to acquire during the next three years on ownership/chartership basis; and

(d) whether any price or any other preference is given to indigenous manufacturers while purchasing eff-shore rigs and if so the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM). - (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Development Schemes for Oil and Gas

676. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

fa) what are the development schemes costing above Rs. 10 crores for oil and gas separately currently being carried out by Oil and Natural Gas Commission;

(b) what is the cost of each scheme with details of development work undertaken/to be undertaken under it including field name, contractor's name and likely completion date and iikely increase in production;

(c) what are the confirmed and uncon firmed reserves of oil and gas separately in each field under development; and

(d) what i_s the annual output of oil ard gas separately in each such field if already in produciion alongwith further development and the schemes proposed for field development in future ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY *OF* PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to id) Informaiton is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

LPG shortage in Gujarat

677. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goveinment are aware of the prevailing shortage of LPG in Gujarat, especially in the Saurashtra region and what are the reasons therefor;

(b) how many applicants are in the waiting list for LPG connections in Gujarat and what is the rate of allotment per month in Gujarat; and

(c) what steps are proposed to clear this backlog and the details of thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) A backlog in supply of LPG refills had developed in recent month, in several parts of the country including Gujarat on account of overall shrtfall in bulk availability of LPG, apart from movement, industrial relations and other operationa! problems,

(b) As on January 1, 1988 there was a waiting list of about 4. 64 lakhs in Gujarat. Release of new LPG connections is done by the oil industry all over the country, including Gujarat under its annual programmes for enrolment of customers,